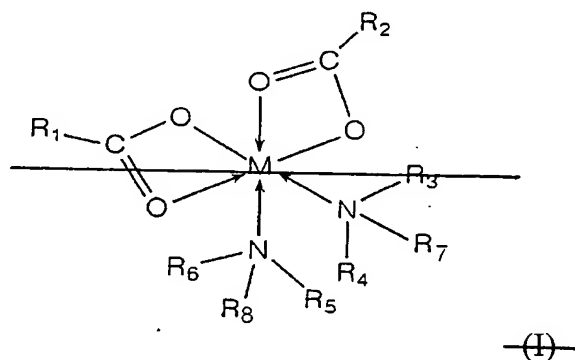


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

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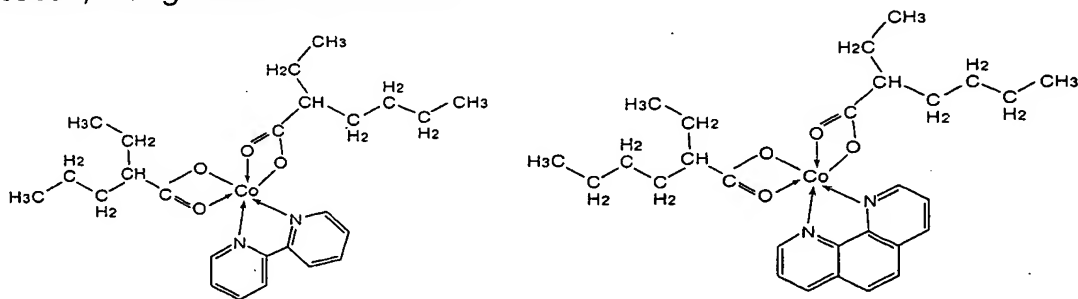
1(currently amended). A water-scavenging agent for an organic EL device comprising a compound of formula (I) as a primary component selected from the group consisting of:



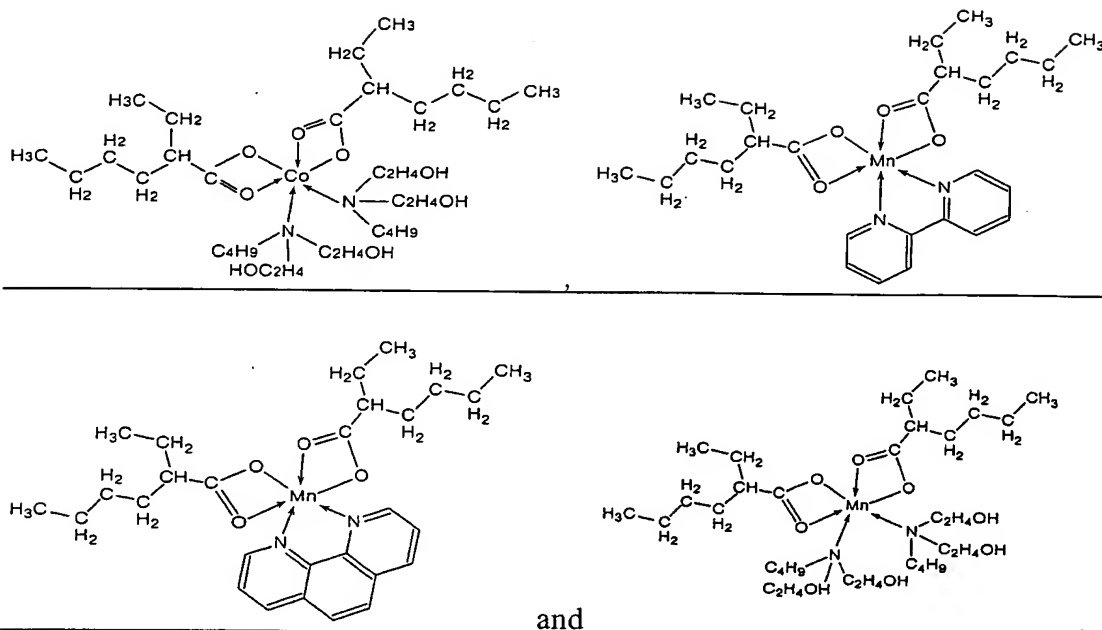
wherein,

~~R₁ and R₂ are each independently C₄₋₁₀-alkyl;~~

~~R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ are each independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-hydroxyalkyl or C₃₋₉-alkenyl; or R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ form together with the respective nitrogen atoms attached thereto a condensed aromatic ring containing two nitrogen atoms; and M is cobalt, manganese or aluminum.~~



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Claim 2(cancelled).

3(previously presented). An organic EL device which comprises a glass substrate plate having an organic luminescent part, a sealing case having a cap to be sealed with said glass plate to enclose said organic luminescent part and a water-scavenging means installed inside said sealing case, the water-scavenging means containing the water-scavenging agent of claim 1.

4(original). The organic EL device of claim 3, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a layer coated on the inner wall of the sealing case.

5(original). The organic EL device of claim 3, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a powder held inside the sealing case.

Claims 6-9(cancelled).